

April 3, 2013

**RE: H.B. 6690**

Dear Esteemed Members of the Judiciary Committee:

This letter is being submitted IN SUPPORT of H.B. 6690.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Our nation, with its pivotal role in global affairs, has the eyes of the world watching. As such, we must act as a responsible, judicious guiding hand in steering towards the changes that are needed in protecting those without voice or power.

The passing of Bill H.B. 6690 would represent our State's sincere commitment to protecting the innocent animals who find themselves in the custody of abusers and neglecters. Too many times, those who commit crimes against animals are treated in a lenient manner that does nothing to discourage them from perpetuating this behavior. Stricter laws would send a clear message that animal abuse is a crime that will not be tolerated by our citizens or by our legal system.

As a resident of Connecticut, I am proud of the strides that our State has made in recognizing the need to protect the welfare of animals. However, our work is not done. On behalf of those who cannot advocate for themselves, I ask for your help in continuing our nation's practice in being at the forefront of "what is right" by signing H.B. 6690 into law.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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